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1. EMBASSY UNABLE SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH MFA AND MINED EXPERTS ON EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE BEFORE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18. THEREFORE INFORMATION CALLED FOR UNDER PART IV A AND B OF REFAIR WILL BE SLIGHTLY DELAYED. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PART II:

2. LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP--THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE NETHERLANDS CURRENTLY NUMBERS SOME 10,500 TO 11,000 MEMBERS. ABOUT 1,000 OF THESE, HOWEVER, ARE IN INACTIVE CATEGORY, I.E. STILL CARRIED ON ROLLS BUT NO LONGER PAYING DUES. THE CPN HOLDS SEVEN SEATS IN THE SECOND CHAMBER OF THE DUTCH STATES GENERAL AND THREE IN THE FIRST CHAMBER. ITS REPRESENTATION IN THE SECOND CHAMBER, THE SAME AS THAT OF THE CHRISTIAN HISTORICAL AND RADICAL PARTIES, IS EXCEEDED BY FOUR PARTIES, BUT IS LARGER THAN THAT OF SEVEN OTHERS. NEVERTHELESS, THE PARLIAMENTARY CPN CONTINUES TO DWELL IN LIMBO. IT IS NEITHER PART OF THE GOVERNMENT COALITION, NOR IS IT TRULY
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PART OF THE OPPOSITION. ONE OF PARTY'S MEMBERS OF THE

FIRST CHAMBER WAS NAMED DURING 1974 AS THE FIRST
COMMUNIST MEMBER OF THE DUTCH DELEGATION IN THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. THE DUTCH COMMUNIST PARTY CONTINUES
TO GO ITS OWN WAY IN RELATION TO THE CPSU. IN OCTOBER,
THE CPN WAS ONE OF ONLY THREE PARTIES TO BOYCOTT THE
WARSAW MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.
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